

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room and for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room comprising:

a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing said patient to depress active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information to said patient;

said computing device further comprising a set of headphones connected to said computing device for presenting audio output to said patient;

and wherein said computing device is configured to receive an identification of said patient and a preferred language of said patient, and further operable to present on said touch screen at least one main question and a plurality of dependent questions linked to presented based on a response to said main question and each other responses to previous dependent questions, said questions presented in said preferred language of said patient, said questions pertaining to an intake procedure of said patient to said hospital, said device further operable to receive responses to each of said questions by touch screen input from said patient, said device further operable to generate an intake report based on said responses in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further processing of said intake of said patient.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device of claim 1 wherein said computing device is attachable to a printing device local to said computing device and wherein said report is generated at said printing device.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The device of claim 1 wherein said computing device is connected to an intake server via a network, and wherein said report is delivered to said intake server.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device of claim 3 wherein said intake server is attachable to a printing device local to said intake server and wherein said report is generated at said printing device.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device of claim 3 wherein said intake server is connected to a plurality of treatment room client computing devices via said network, and wherein said treatment room clients include an output device.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device of claim 1 wherein said device is mounted within the housing of a kiosk.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device of claim 1 wherein said device is a stand-alone personal computer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): In a computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing depression of active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display

information, a method for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room comprising the steps of:

- receiving input from said touch screen representing a preferred language of said patient;

- receiving input from said touch screen representing an identification of said patient;

- presenting an intake question to said patient on said touch-screen;

- receiving input from said touch screen representing a responses to said intake questions;

- repeating said presenting of said intake question and receiving of said responses steps based on responses to previous intake questions until a desired number of intake question responses have been received; and

- generating an intake report in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further intake of said patient.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein said computing device is attachable to a printing device local to said computing device and wherein said report is generated at said printing device.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein said computing device is connected to an intake server via a network, and wherein said report is delivered to said intake server.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 10 wherein said intake server is attachable to a printing device local to said intake server and wherein said report is generated at said printing device.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method of claim 10 wherein said intake server is connected to a plurality of treatment room client computing devices via said network, and wherein said treatment room clients include an output device, said intake server operable to determine an available one of said treatment rooms and to direct said report to said treatment room client computing device respective to said available one.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein said computing device is mounted within the housing of a kiosk.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein said computing device is a stand-alone personal computer.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A computer readable media for storing programming instructions for use with a computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing depression of active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information, and a method for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room comprising the steps of:

- receiving input from said touch screen representing a preferred language of said patient;

- receiving input from said touch screen representing an identification of said patient;

- presenting an intake question to said patient on said touch-screen;

- receiving input from said touch screen representing a responses to said intake questions;

repeating said presenting of said intake question and receipt of said responses steps based on responses to previous intake questions until a desired number of intake question responses have been received; and
generating an intake report in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further intake of said patient.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A system for intake of a patient in ~~said~~ a hospital emergency room comprising at least one computing device associated with a waiting area of a hospital emergency room and ~~a~~ comprising:

a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing said patient to depress active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information to said patient;

said computing device further comprising a set of headphones connected to said computing device for presenting audio output to said patient; and

wherein said computing device is configured to receive an identification of said patient and a preferred language of said patient, and further operable to present on said touch screen at least one main question and a plurality of dependent questions linked to presented based on a response of to said main question and each other responses to previous dependent questions, said questions presented in said preferred language of said patient, said questions pertaining to an intake procedure of said patient to said hospital, said computing device further operable to receive responses to each of said questions by touch screen input from said patient, said computing device further operable to generate an intake report based on said responses in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further processing of said intake of said patient;

said system further comprising an intake server for connection to said computing devices and for receiving intake reports generated thereby;

said system further comprising a plurality of treatment room clients connected to said intake server, said treatment room clients including an output device operable to present said intake reports;

said server operable to direct said intake reports to an appropriate one of said treatment room clients according to a prioritization criteria.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The system according to claim 16 wherein said device is a kiosk located in said waiting room.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The system according to claim 16 wherein said device is a wireless portable computing device operable to connect with said server via a wireless network such that a patient en route to said hospital can complete at least some of said questions prior to arrival at said hospital.